**UNM Launches Albuquerque Landscapes Website**

UNM’s Historic Preservation and Regionalism Program has launched a website on the history of local landscape design entitled Monte Vista Front Yards: <http://www.arcgis.com/apps/MapJournal/index.html?appid=8b5efb2ef5e24b36869b20b03766d784>

Produced by students at the School of Architecture and Planning, the website profiles the history of this university area neighborhood, and the broader story of landscape design in Albuquerque over the last 100 years. Its extensive catalogue of the forty-four most popular plants, with the decades of their popularity, will allow residents of the city and region to decode the layered history of their yards and neighborhoods.

Two undergraduate architecture students joined thirteen graduate students from Architecture, Art History, Community and Regional Planning, History, Landscape Architecture, and Preservation and Regionalism in researching and developing the website.

Recent Landscape Architecture graduate, Carly Piccarello, took the lead in seeing the website to completion, assisted by fellow student webmasters, Rebecca McCain and Servando Miranda, and course instructor, Professor Chris Wilson. The research of graduate history student, Angela Reiniche, is featured in sections on the growth and suburbanization of Albuquerque and the Monte Vista neighborhood.

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Image Caption: Many Monte Vista neighborhood residents have converted their front yards to Xeric landscaping since the late 1980s. Photo: Kerry Calhoun, UNM School of Architecture and Planning, 2014.